

3.5 More Problem Solving

Given Standard form of an equation, what do you when....

...you are asked to find when an object lands, break even point...
(ie find the roots/zeros/x int, solve).

Two methods:

1. Quadratic formula (works every time)
2. Factor and set factors to zero

...you are asked to find the Max/Min
and when it occurs

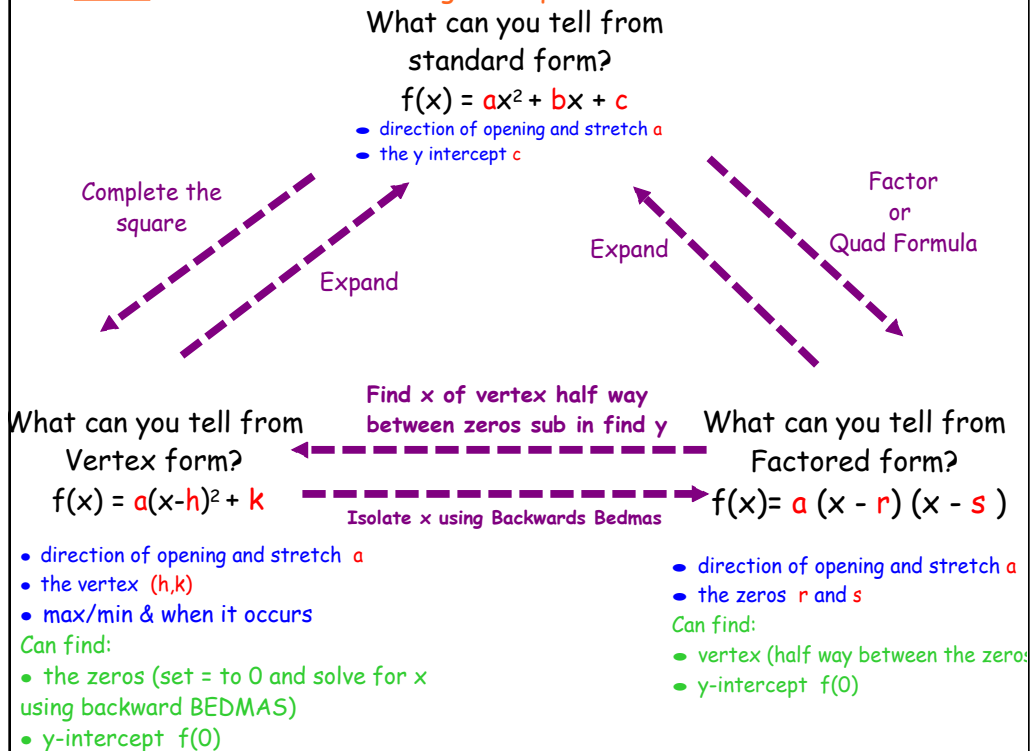
Two methods:

1. Complete the square to vertex form
2. Factor, find zeroes, find x half way between zeroes, sub back in for y

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Mind Map...

Recall: What we know when given equations in various forms



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Ex.1 The height of an object thrown off a tower is given by
 $h = -5t^2 + 35t + 90$, where h is the height above the ground in metres
 and t is the time in seconds.

What order will
 you do these
 questions in?

What method(s)
 will you use?

In your groups, try and
 answer these questions
 using different
 orders and methods

#2

When does the max height
 of the object occur?

What is the initial height
 of the object?

What is the max height
 of the object?

How long does it take for the
 object to hit the ground?

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Ex.1 The height of an object thrown off a tower is given by
 $h = -5t^2 + 35t + 90$, where h is the height above the ground in metres
 and t is the time in seconds.

1) What is the initial height of the object? 90m

2) When does the max height of the object occur and
 what is the max height of the object?

$$= -5t^2 + 35t + 90$$

$$= -5(t^2 - 7t) + 90$$

$$= -5[t^2 - 7t + 12.25 - 12.25] + 90$$

$$= -5[(t-3.5)^2 - 12.25] + 90$$

$$= -5(t-3.5)^2 + 61.25 + 90$$

$\rightarrow = -5(t-3.5)^2 + 151.25$
 \therefore the max height
 occurs at 3.5 sec
 and the max
 height is 151.25m
 Vertex $(3.5, 151.25)$

3) How long does it take for the object to hit the ground?

$$0 = -5(t-3.5)^2 + 151.25$$

$$\frac{-151.25}{-5} = \frac{-5(t-3.5)^2}{-5}$$

$$\sqrt{30.25} = \sqrt{(t-3.5)^2}$$

$$\pm 5.5 = t - 3.5$$

$$3.5 \pm 5.5 = t$$

$$\cancel{t = -2} \text{ or } \boxed{t = 9}$$

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Ex 2

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Which do I answer first? $= -5t(t - 4)$

For how long is the ball at or above 7m ?

What is the maximum height?

When will the football reach its maximum height?

State the domain and range as it applies to the situation.

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Ex 2

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1) When will the football reach its maximum height?

$$\begin{aligned} &= -5t^2 + 20t \\ &= -5(t^2 - 4t) \\ &= -5(t^2 - 4t + 4 - 4) \\ &= -5(t-2)^2 + 20 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore the football will reach its max height at 2s

2) What is the maximum height?

\therefore the max height is 20m.

3) State the domain and range as it applies to the situation.

$$= -5t(t-4) \quad \{x | 0 \leq x \leq 4, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

2) For how long is the ball at or above 7m ? $\{y | 0 \leq y \leq 20, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$7 = -5t^2 + 20t$$

$$0 = -5t^2 + 20t - 7$$

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$$= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{20^2 - 4(-5)(-7)}}{2(-5)}$$

$$= \frac{-20 \pm \sqrt{260}}{-10}$$

$$= \frac{-3.61 - 0.387}{1} = -3.22$$

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Ex 3

The Golden Gate Bridge, in San Francisco is a suspension bridge supported by a pair of cables that appear to form parabolas. The cables are attached at either end to a pair of towers at points 152 m above the roadway.

The towers are 1280 m apart, and the cable reaches its lowest point when it is 4 m above the roadway.

a) Determine an algebraic expression that models the cable as it hangs between the towers.

b) What is the height of the cable 100 m from its lowest point?

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Practice
Complete other metho
for example 3

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3.5 Handout



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